

## Message Text

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SUBJ: INSPECTION OF ARA/PAN AND ARA/AND

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1. WE HAVE MADE RESERVATIONS FOR MESSERS: HARLEN, FUHRER AND LANE AT THE HOTEL DEL LAGO. WHILE IT IS NOT CLOSE TO THE CONSULATE, IT WAS THE ONLY HOTEL THAT DID NOT DEMAND AN ADVANCE GAURANTTEE OF PAYMENT IN WRITING. THE HOTEL IS WITHIN THE PER DIEM ALLOWANCE. THE HOTEL SITUATION HERE IS DIFFICULT. THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER WILL MEET THE INSPECTORS UPON ARRIVAL AT "LA CHINITA" AIRPORT HERE. (FYI: WE HAVE ALSO MADE RESERVATIONS FOR THE TDY AMERICAN SECRETARY FROM CARACAS WHO WILL ACCOMPANY THE INSPECTORS DURING THEIR STAY IN MARACAIBO).

2. WE NOTE THAT THE INSPECTORS WILL BE HERE OVER THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 11-12. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF THE INSPECTORS WANT US TO CALL IN HHE LOCAL STAFF FOR EITHER OR BOTH OF THESE DAYS.

3. BECAUSE THIS POST IS SO SMALL WE SHALL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE INSPECTORS WITH ALL THE FACILITIES AND MATERIAL THEY REQUESTED IN "INSPECTION INSTRUCTIONS TO POST". THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER WILL TURN HIS OFFICE OVER TO THEM. IT WILL HAVE A DESK, A TABLE AND A TYPING TABLE WITH TYPEWRITER FOR THE SECRETARY. THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER WILL ALSO PROVIDE TWO DRAWERS IN HIS SAFE FOR THE INSPECTORS' UNCLASSIFIED

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USE. WE SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE OFFICE MATERIALS AND THE DOCUMENTATION WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT POST AS REQUESTED.

4. WE CAUTION THAT MARACAIBO FROM A TOURIST AND CULTURAL VIEWPOINT IS SOMETHING OF A WASTELAND. IF THE INSPECTORS WISH WE CAN ARRANGE A TOUR OF THE OIL FIELDS IN THE LAKE BY OIL COMPANY LAUNCH. ALTER-NATIVELY, WE CAN ARRANGE A TOUR OF SINAMAICA, A GUAJIRO INDIAN

VILLAGE BUILT OVER A LAKE. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. THE MARACAIBO CHAPTER OF THE VENEZUELAN NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AT LUNCHEON FEBRUARY 9. THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER IS THE HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE CHAPTER. THE INSPECTORS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED. THE PRINCIPAL OFFICER

ALSO PLANS TWO REPRESENTATIONAL FUNCTIONS, A DINNER ON FEBRUARY 10 AND A BRUNCH ON FEBRUARY 11. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE INSPECTORS' ADVISE IF THESE EVENTS ARE INCONVENIENT FOR THEM.

6. OUR POST MEMORANDUM FOLLOWS DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 4.

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